# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

#### **CHARLESTON DIVISION**

IN RE: NEOMEDIC PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEM PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL 2511

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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL CASES

## PRETRIAL ORDER # 37 (ORDER AMENDING PTO # 22 - ORDER ESTABLISHING REPORTING ON PAYMENT TO THE MDL 2511 FUND)

Pursuant to Pretrial Order # 21, Neomedic, Inc.<sup>1</sup> ("Neomedic") is required to pay into the MDL 2511 Fund, five percent (5%) of any sum to be paid in settlement of a claim. PTO # 21 explicitly orders that "[a] total assessment for payment of attorneys' fees and approved common benefit and MDL expenses of five percent (5%) of the Gross Monetary Recovery [as defined in the PTO] shall apply to all Covered Claims [as defined in the PTO]." Pretrial Order No. 21, ECF No. 79, ¶ 3.a. In addition,

Defendants are directed to withhold the Assessment from amounts paid on any Covered Claim and to pay the Assessment directly into the MDL 2511 Fund as a credit against the Settlement or Judgment. If for any reason the Assessment is not or has not been so withheld, the Defendants as well as the plaintiff and his or her counsel are jointly responsible for paying the Assessment into the MDL 2511 Fund promptly.

*Id.* ¶ 3.c.

By PTO # 22, I set forth a mechanism for reporting all payments of assessments made into the MDL 2511 Fund to the court. That process, set forth again below, will remain in place. However, I find it necessary to supplement the reporting process to collect additional information on settlements of Covered Claims to confirm that all 5% payments that must be paid into the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Neomedic, Inc. includes the following defendants: Desarrollo e Investigacion Medica Aragonesa, S.L., Neomedic International, S.L., Neomedic, Inc., Specialties Remeex International, S.L.

common benefit fund by defendants pursuant to PTO # 21 are making their way to the common benefit fund. To that end, the court **ORDERS** that PTO # 22 be amended as follows:

#### A. MDL Settlement Summary Report

No later than April 30, 2017, Neomedic shall provide the court with a report ("MDL Settlement Summary Report") as of March 31, 2017, of *all* settlements made by Neomedic on Covered Claims as defined in PTO # 21, by plaintiff's firm or settlement group, and indicate whether 5% has been paid into the common benefit fund for that particular settlement. If not, Neomedic must estimate a date when the 5% will be paid. Thereafter, within thirty (30) calendar days of the end of each quarter, Neomedic shall update the initial MDL Settlement Summary Report to reflect all settlements reached and payments made into the MDL 2511 Fund by or on behalf of Neomedic during the preceding quarter (e.g., by July 31, 2017, Neomedic shall provide a report on all payments from April 1, 2017, through June 30, 2017). The MDL Settlement Summary Report will essentially become a running report updated and supplemented every quarter. Such MDL Settlement Summary Reports shall be submitted to the court via email and maintained by the court in chambers for in camera review and reconciliation with the amounts received by the MDL 2511 Fund. The MDL Settlement Summary Reports will not be filed or kept in the court Clerk's office.

A template for the MDL Settlement Summary Report is attached hereto as Exhibit A. For each settlement on a Covered Claim, the MDL Settlement Summary Report shall set forth in a form substantially similar to Exhibit A, (1) plaintiff's counsel or group of plaintiff's counsel; (2) the maximum potential number of covered claims in the settlement group; (3) the date of execution of the applicable Master Settlement Agreement; (4) the cumulative maximum potential settlement amount under the Master Settlement Agreement; (5) the 5% assessment amount to be paid if the

maximum potential settlement amount is paid; (6) the date(s) and amount(s) paid to the MDL 2511 Fund to date; and (7) the estimated date(s) of any unpaid assessments, if any.

### B. MDL Fund Report

In addition, no later than April 30, 2017, Neomedic shall provide the court with a report ("MDL Fund Report") on all payments made into the MDL 2511 Fund by or on behalf of Neomedic through March 31, 2017.<sup>2</sup> Thereafter, within thirty (30) calendar days of the end of each quarter, Neomedic shall provide the court with an MDL Fund Report on all payments made into the MDL 2511 Fund by or on behalf of Neomedic during the preceding quarter (*e.g.*, by July 31, 2017, Neomedic shall provide a report on all payments from April 1, 2017, through June 30, 2017). Such MDL Fund Reports shall be submitted to the court via email and maintained by the court in chambers for in camera review and reconciliation with the amounts received by the MDL 2511 Fund. The MDL Fund Reports will not be filed or kept in the court Clerk's office.

A template form MDL Fund Report is attached hereto as Exhibit B. In addition, template forms for use as an exhibit to attach to the MDL Fund Reports are attached hereto as Exhibit C. For each payment made into the MDL 2511 Fund by or behalf of Neomedic, the MDL Fund Report shall set forth in a form substantially similar to Exhibit B, (1) the date of the payment to the MDL 2511 Fund; (2) the amount of the payment to the MDL 2511 Fund; (3) a wire confirmation number or other proof of payment; (4) the total number of claims for which the payment to the MDL 2511 Fund was made; (5) the cumulative total amount to be paid in settlement of the claims; (6) the amount of each payment to the MDL 2511 Fund; (7) the name and other identifying information for each claimant on whose behalf the payment was made; (8) and the attorney or law firm representing each such claimant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The court directs Neomedic to proceed under PTO # 21 for submission of its report for the period ending December 31, 2016.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of this order in 2:14-md-2511 and it shall apply to each member related case previously transferred to, removed to, or filed in this district. In cases subsequently filed in this district, a copy of the most recent pretrial order will be provided by the Clerk to counsel appearing in each new action at the time of filing of the complaint. In cases subsequently removed or transferred to this court, a copy of the most recent pretrial order will be provided by the Clerk to counsel appearing in each new action upon removal or transfer. It shall be the responsibility of the parties to review and abide by all pretrial orders previously entered by the court. The orders may be accessed through the CM/ECF system or the court's website at www.wvsd.uscourts.gov.

ENTER: February 2, 2017

JOSEPH R. GOODWIN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

#### **EXHIBIT A**

### [FIRST] NEOMEDIC, INC. REPORT OF PAYMENTS TO THE MDL 2511 FUND

Defendant Neomedic, Inc. advises the Court that pursuant to Pretrial Order # 21, five percent (5%) of any settlement amount paid to any claimant settling with Neomedic, Inc. is being paid into the MDL 2511 Fund. By this [First] Report of Payments to the MDL 2511 Fund, Neomedic, Inc. is providing the Court a list of all payments made to the MDL 2511 Fund from [INSERT DATE] through [INSERT DATE] by or on behalf of Neomedic, Inc. Exhibits [INSERT EXHIBIT LETTERS] attached hereto set forth dates of payments to the MDL 2511 Fund, the amounts of such payments, the name of each claimant on whose behalf the payments were made, and the name of each claimant's attorney.

A summary of all payments detailed in the attached exhibits is set forth in the chart below.

Exhibit	Payment Date	Settling Claimant's Counsel	Number of Claimants	Cumulative Total Settlement Amount	Amount Paid to MDL 2511 Fund

Lead Counsel for Neomedic, Inc.			
Dated:			

#### **EXHIBIT B**

# [FIRST] NEOMEDIC, INC. MDL FUND REPORT OF PAYMENTS TO THE MDL 2511 FUND

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Exhibit	Payment Date	Settling Claimant's Counsel	Number of Claimants	Cumulative Total Settlement Amount	Amount Paid to MDL 2511 Fund

Lead Counsel for Neomedic, Inc.			
Dated:			

# **EXHIBIT C**

Settlement	[INSERT FIRM NAME]		
Total Number of Claims	[INSERT TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS]		
Total Settlement Amount	[INSERT CUMULATIVE TOTAL SETTLEMENT AMOUNT]		
Amount Paid to MDL 2511 Fund	[INSERT CUMULATIVE AMOUNT PAID TO MDL 2511 FUND]		
Date of Payment to MDL 2511 Fund	[INSERT PAYMENT DATE]		
	[INSERT WIRE CONFIRMATION # OR ATTACH OTHER PROOF OF		
Wire Confirmation or Proof of Payment	PAYMENT]		

Settlement Firm	t Data	Data		
	Def.'s			
Associated Counsel / Attorney	Claim #	SSN	Last Name	First Name
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